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Ways to Deepen our Faith

At the end of last Sunday's bulletin catechesis, I promised to offer some reflections on ways to deepen our faith. The three-day faith formation session with Fr. Frank DeSiano in August has been a great boost to deepening our faith for those who attended the sessions. What are the ways by which the Church offers us opportunities to deepen our Faith during this Year of Faith? Let me simply outline these without any order of importance.

Participation in Mass. The Year of Faith is meant to promote the personal encounter with Jesus. This occurs most immediately in the Eucharist. Regular Mass attendance strengthens one's faith through the Scriptures, the Creed, other prayers, sacred music, the homily, receiving Communion and being part of a faith community.

Going to Confession. Like going to Mass, Catholics find strength and grow deeper in their faith through participation in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confession urges people to turn back to God, express sorrow for falling short and open their lives to the power of God's healing grace. It forgives the injuries of the past and provides strength for the future.

Learning about the lives of the saints. The saints are timeless examples of how to live a Christian life, and they provide endless hope. Not only were they sinners who kept trying to grow closer to God, but they also exemplify ways a person can serve God: through teaching, missionary work, charity, prayer and simply striving to please God in the ordinary actions and decisions of daily life.

Daily Bible Reading. Scripture offers first-hand access to the Word of God and tells the story of human salvation. Catholics can pray the Scriptures (through *lectio divina* or other methods) to become more attuned to the Word of God. Either way, the Bible is a must for growing our faith during this Year of Faith.

Reading the documents of Vatican II. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) ushered in a great renewal of the Church. It impacted how Mass is celebrated, the role of the laity, how the Church understands itself and its relationship with other Christians and non-Christians. To continue this renewal, Catholics need to understand what the Council taught and how it enriches their lives.

Studying the Catechism. Published exactly 30 years after the start of the Council, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* covers the beliefs, moral teachings, prayer and sacraments of the Catholic Church in one volume. It's a resource for growing in understanding our faith. Since this is only an outline, next bulletin catechesis will offer more reflection on how participating in the Mass deepens our faith. So stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through*

active participation in: the

Sacraments, the Word,

Renewal programs,

ministry/service,

fellowship and

*other **Spirit-led** activities.*

We will dedicate our time,

talent and treasure

to install in our

Parish community

these basic building

blocks of Christian living,

*to live out the **Lord's commands***

*and to preach the **Good News** to all*

through our words, deeds and lives.

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings: September 8
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Ps 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17;
Phlm 9-10,12-17; Lk14:25-33**

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

This first reading is written in poetic form. It makes a comparison between God's wisdom and human wisdom. "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?" The intended response of course is "no one". This is part of the wisdom tradition of Israel. It contains a truth that cannot be questioned.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17

Psalm 90 has features of lament, but its primary theme comes from the wisdom tradition. The issue that seems to preoccupy the psalmist is the brevity of human existence. "For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that is past, or as a watch of the night." Most probably the prayer comes from a community in distress.

Second Reading: Phlm 9-10,12-17

Paul's letter to Philemon is a personal appeal to accept back with no reservations a slave who had escaped Philemon's household. While there is no direct teaching, Paul uses a pedagogic method as he tries to persuade Philemon to accept his wishes regarding the runaway slave.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The cost of discipleship is the central message of Jesus in this passage. Despite what might seem to be extreme demands, the instruction is addressed to the crowds and not simply to those who already committed themselves to follow him and who are now being called to an even deeper commitment. Three conditions for discipleship are given here: subordination of everything to commitment to Jesus, acceptance of the cross, and detachment from all possessions. Jesus' admonition to "hate" one's closest family members should not be taken literally. The disciple's loyalty of family members should not be more than loyalty to Jesus. Regarding the second condition of carrying one's cross, the commitment of those who choose to follow him must include his suffering and death as well. There is no shortcut. Moreover, the would-be disciple must be willing to relinquish all possessions in order to possess and be possessed by Christ.

*Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: **Blog (text):** <http://www.sundayhomily.com>*

***Podcast (audio):** <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>*

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

***Boohomily (audio):** <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>*

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Danny Uehara, Bobby Higa, Guillermo Uytingco, Stephanie Campbell, Emily Ramiscal, Anunciacion Amod, Marsha Cha, Ben Regidor, Sharon Scott, Channing Fukuda, Ellen Cleghorn, Carolyn Drapes, Patricia Perez, Jeremiah Bright, George Makio, Clara Cole, Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Sherri Mauck, Hilda Gomez and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Eleanor Domingcil, James Broto Toledo, Gloria Spray, Arthur S. Dorado, Robert Gulliford, Mercedes B. Soliven, Ernest A. Leong III, Alejandrino Confessor Taliman, Sr. Natividad Ferraren SPC, Carlos Pesante-Bonafe, Arsenio Batang Siggayo, Rose S. Hamora, Harold Looney, Evelyn Toshiko Winninghoff, Darrell Sabihon, Indra Duarte Robinson, Viola K. Quinn, Wilfred R. Castro, Enrique Corpus Ancheta Sr., Timoteo Soriano Caseria Jr., Mary "Malia" Kaipo Malama Serrao, Lucille Margaret Perske, and Kay Kimie Nishimura.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 2, 2013

8am Mass Cyril and Molly Pereira (RIP)
Philip Nazareth, Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

8am Mass Brook Leilani Corderman
(Birthday Blessings)
Maria Galman Coderman
(Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

8am Mass Joseph Asuncion (Birthday Blessings)
Richard P. Tesoro (RIP)
Arsenio Batang Siggayo (RIP)

Thursday, September 5, 2013

8am Mass Rachel's Vineyard Hawaii Team and
Participants (Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Indra Duarte Robinson (RIP)

Friday, September 6, 2013

8am Mass Lina Guanlao (RIP)
Michael Morano (RIP)

Saturday, September 7, 2013

8am Mass Mary Claudia Abad (RIP)
Crimson Aznar (Blessings/Thanksgiving)
5pm Mass Dionisio Locquiao (RIP)

Sunday, September 8, 2013

7am Mass Leonida Dulay (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Joseph C. Domanguera (RIP)
6pm Mass Salve Galman (Birthday Blessings)

Parish News & Announcements

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, September 6th after the 8:00am Mass. **The 24-hour vigil/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been canceled** due to an inadequate response from the Church community.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

There will be a Healing Mass with Anointing on Monday, September 9th. Praise and Worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass. All are welcome!

Religious Education Classes Begin in September: We welcome back the students in religious education Grades 1-8 on Schedule "A" and Confirmation Year-2 on Sunday, September 8th. Schedule "B" will start on Sunday, September 15th for students in grades Pre-K through 5, First Eucharist Grades 4-11 and Confirmation Year-1. Full class calendars are available on the website or at the Religious Education Office.

The Outreach Office will be working with Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) **to help Seniors in Need on 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.** Donations of personal-care supplies are being requested for homebound and needy seniors. Items may be dropped off at the Outreach Office now through Sunday, September 8th [Monday-Wednesday (8:30am-1:30pm), Thursday and Friday (8:30am-10:30am); at the Parish Office on Tuesday-Friday (8:00am-4pm); and before the weekend Masses on the Fellowship Lanai]. Oral care, grooming items, lotion, cotton swabs, bath soaps/shampoos, washcloths, and paper goods (i.e. tissue, napkins, paper towels) are needed. Mahalo!

The Hui O Laulima would like to thank you for your generous support in our recent community project. The collection of donated prom dresses and formal wear will enable our Moloka'i high school students to participate in upcoming events.

The FilAm Group will meet on Friday, September 6th at 7pm in room 6.

Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically-rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Special collection envelopes are available at the entrance to the church. Please be generous.

The Catholic Book Club will meet to discuss **Conceived Without Sin**, a Catholic novel by Bud Macfarlane, on Thursday, October 17th from 7- 9pm in the Parish Center classroom #6. Borrow or buy the book, read it and plan to join the discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

"The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus" is the topic for our parish presentation on Wednesday, September 11th from 7:00-8:30pm in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Contact Sr. Alma Esmero at ext. 205 or Deacon Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 for more information.

New Altar Server Training will be held on Sunday, Sept 22nd from 12:30-3:00pm in the church. Minimum requirements: at least 7 years old, have received First Eucharist and willing to serve at least two times per month. We are in particular need of children and adults to serve at the 11:00 am mass. Please email Margaret Higa at sjserver@hawaii.rr.com to RSVP for the training or for more information. Thank you!

Youth and Young Adult Faith Life Ministry (for high-school and college-aged students): join us for fun, fellowship, Scripture sharing, praise & worship and refreshments on Thursdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm in rooms 4 and 5. **Upcoming Events: Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day Holiday: Bus Tour to North Shore (9:30am-3:00pm), includes stops at Matsumoto Shave Ice, Giovanni Shrimp Truck and Swimming; Thursday, September 12th: Youth Mass at 6:30pm.** Contact Auntie Gwen and Deacon Wally Mitsui at 623-6982 or email: gmitsui@gmail.com and wmitsui@rcchawaii.org for more information.

Pauline Book and Media Center will hold a book fair on September 7-8 after all the Masses. Books, DVDs, music CDs, prayer books, and other spiritual materials for all ages will be available. If you have any special requests, please call 521-2731.

Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse. Sign-up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Oahu from September 27-29. Contact Jose and Mary Elizabeth Alvior at (808) 391-2045 or visit www.hawaiiwwme.org for more information.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Kay Kimie Nishimura (RIP)

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary – Mauka Chapel

8:00-9:00am ~ Public Viewing; 9:00-10:00am ~ Family Program

10:00-10:45am ~ Prayer Service; 11:00am ~ Burial

Sunday Collection Report		
Sunday Offering	Actual Amount	Weekly Goal
August 25, 2013	\$12,566.19	\$12,647.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance and Outreach		
August 25, 2013	\$1,760.00	\$1,470.00
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		